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SUBJ: MOBUTU-NETO SUMMIT: BURYING THE HATCHET

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1. SUMMARY: COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING MOBUTU-NETO SUMMIT ANNOUNCES
"NORMALIZATION" OF RELATIONS BUT SILENT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF
DIPLOMATIC TIES.

2. COMMUNIQUE SIGNED BY ZAIRE PRES MOBUTU AND PEOPLES REPUBLIC
ANGOLA PRES NETO FEB 28 IN BRAZZAVILLE "NORMALIZED" RELATIONS
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BETWEEN PROSPECTIVE COUNTRIES.

POINTS OF COMMUNIQUE:

A. THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL FACILITATE VOLUNTARY RETURN WITHIN REASONABLE TIME FRAME OF ANGOLAN AND ZAIRIAN REFUGEES AND APPEAL TO UNHCR TO COOPERATE IN REPATRIATION PROGRAM. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS UNDERTAKE TO GUARANTEE SECURITY OF RETURNING REFUGEES.

B. BOTH COUNTRIES PLEDGE THAT NO MILITARY ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANIZED FROM THEIR SOIL AGAINST NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

C. ANGOLA CONGRATULATES ZAIRE FOR POSITION ON EXPULSION OF AND PROHIBITION ON TRANSIT OF MERCENARIES.

D. ANGOLA CONFIRMS DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IN ALL DOMAINS, IN PARTICULAR IN GUARANTEEING USE OF COMMON COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES (COMMENT: COMMUNICATION FACILITIES PRESUMABLY REFERS TO BENGUELA RIVER AND ZAIRE RIVER. END COMMENT.)

E. BOTH COUNTRIES AGREE ON PRACTICAL MEASURES TO TAKE ALONG BORDER TO INSURE MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND SECURITY.

3. THE TWO COUNTRIES AGREE TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS, GUIDED BY FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

A. GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY.

B. RESPECT OF EACH OTHER'S SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

C. NON-INTERFERENCE IN EACH OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

D. COOPERATION ON BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND EQUALITY.

4. THE TWO COUNTRIES AGREE TO ESTABLISH A JOINT PERMANENT COMMISSION AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL TO IMPLEMENT PRINCIPLES OF COMMUNIQUE.

5. IN SUBSEQUENT JOINT PRESS INTERVIEW, A GLUM-LOOKING MOBUTU STUDIOUSLY AVOIDED USE OF WORD "RECOGNITION." MOBUTU STRESSED THAT ZAIRIAN-ANGOLAN RELATIONS TOO COMPLICATED FOR SIMPLE RECOGNITION, INSTEAD REQUIRED "NORMALIZATION" AND SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS. THUS FACE-TO-FACE MEETING, JOINT PRESS COMMUNIQUE, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION. MOBUTU SAID DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED AT FUTURE DATE, AFTER NORMALIZATION AND OPERATION OF COMMISSION.

6. FOR HIS PART, NETO ASSERTED THAT ANGOLA STILL AT WAR, AS SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS REMAIN IN ANGOLA. WAR WILL CONTINUE AS LONG AS FOREIGNERS OR ANGOLANS SUPPORTING THOSE FOREIGNERS CONTINUE BATTLE. NETO PROMISED NATIONAL RECONCILIATION INVITING ALL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANGOLANS TO JOIN IN REBUILDING COUNTRY BUT POINTED OUT THAT UNITA, FNLA AND FLEC AS ORGANIZATIONS ARE BANNED IN ANGOLA. PRA HAS NO SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE.

IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON PRESENCE OF CUBAN AND KATANGAN MERCENARIES, NETO ASSERTED PRA HAS RIGHT TO CHOOSE ITS OWN ALLIES AND REGARDS ATTEMPT TO QUESTION ITS CHOICE INTERFERENCE IN ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

7. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: FEB 28 SUMMIT CULMINATES
SEVERAL WEEKS OF DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES BETWEEN ZAIRE AND PRA. HIGH
POINTS WERE NAGOUABI VISIT TO KINSHASA FEB 15 AND SECRET MISSION
OF ZAIRE'S DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENCY BISENGIMANA AND FONMIN NGUZA
TO MEET WITH MPLA DELEGATION IN BRAZZAVILLE FEB 21. MOBUTU WAS
ACCOMPANIED TO BRAZZAVILLE ON FEB 28 BY BISENGIMANA AND FONMIN
NGUZA. COMMENTS AND ANALYSIS BY SEPTTEL. END COMMENT.
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